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| travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building. | 16 NOV 22 | PM 12: 11 |

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Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

(Revised 1/3/11)

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Form RE-2

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) Educational Seminar in Israel U.S. Communications Staff August 13-21, 2016

Final Itinerary

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5:16 PM Depart from DCA

6:41 PM Arrived at JFK

SUNDAY AUGUST 14, 2016

12:30 AM Depart JFK

6:40 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem
Check into the Inbal Hotel

8:45 PM Depart for dinner

9:00 PM Israeli Society Today

Dinner with David Horovitz

Founding Editor, The Times of Israel

- at Touro

10:30 PM Shalom Jerusalem

Introduction to the history of the city

Brief walking tour

11:00 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

8:00 AM Breakfast is served

- at the hotel, Galil hall

8:15 AM Israeli Political Primer

Meeting with Prof. Reuven Hazan

Professor of Political Science Department

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- at the hotel, Galil hall

9:30 AM Depart

| 9:45 AM | Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I: The Historic and Holy Basin: Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem | | |
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| 12:45 PM | Depart | | |
| 1:00 PM | How Did We Get Here: Roots of Zionism Through The Present-Day Lunch with Rabbi Dr. Daniel Gordis Senior Vice President, The Shalem College - at Piccolino | | |
| 2:30 PM | Depart | | |
| 2:45 PM | Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part II: Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier | | |
| 3:30 PM | Depart for the hotel | | |
| 3:45 PM | Regional Instability and the Growing Threat of Hezbollah Meeting with Dr. Jonathan Spyer Director, The Rubin Center Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya - at the hotel, Galil hall | | |
| 7:15 PM | Depart for dinner | | |
| 7:30 PM | International Media Coverage of the Middle East Dinner with Matti Friedman, Author and Journalist - at La Guta | | |
| 10:00 PM | Overnight at the Inbal Hotel | | |
| TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016 | | | |
| 8:00 AM | Breakfast on own | | |
| | - at the hotel | | |
| 8:30 AM | Depart for Yad Vashem | | |
| 9:00 AM | The Role of the Holocaust in Israeli Society Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum | | |
| 11:00 AM | Depart | | |

| 11:30 AM | The Palestinian Street; Views and Changes in Palestinian Society Meeting with Saman Khoury, Member of the Palestinian National Council - at the American Colony Hotel, Pasha Hall |
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| 12:45 PM | Depart |
| 1:15 PM | Behind the Headlines Lunch with Khaled Abu Toameh Palestinian Affairs Correspondent, The Jerusalem Post - at Aluma |
| 2:30 PM | Depart |
| 2:45 PM | A View from the Opposition Meeting with the Honorable Ofer Newman Head of the opposition - at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ein Gedi hall |
| 4:00 PM | A View from the Prime Minister's Office Meeting with David Keyes Communications Advisor and Foreign Press Liaison Prime Minister's Office - at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ein Gedi hall |
| 5:00 PM | Depart for Tel Aviv |
| 6:15 PM | Check into the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel |
| 8:15 PM | Depart for dinner |
| 8:30 PM | Start-Up Nation Dinner with: Sivan Borowich-Ya'ari, Innovation: Africa Cpt. (Res.) Eytan Buchman, Freightos Dr. Yonatan Wexler, Orcam at Lumina |
| 10:00 PM | Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel |

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016

7:45 AM Breakfast is served

- at the hotel, Topaz hall

| 8:00 AM | Regional Threat Assessment Meeting Col. (Res) Avi Eliyahu Former Intelligence Officer of the Southern Command - at the hotel, Topaz hall |
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| 9:15 AM | Depart |
| 10:30 AM | Israel's Southern Border Concerns Strategic briefing at overlook into Gaza - at Kibbutz Nir Am Lookout |
| 11:15.AM | Strategic tour of Israel's border with the Gaza Strip Visit to the town of Sderot Kassam rockets "graveyard" |
| 12:00 PM | Life in the Shadow of Rocket Fire Visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza Meeting with Chen Abrahams, local resident |
| 1:00 PM | Lunch - at the Kibbutz Dining hall |
| 2:00 PM | Depart |
| 3:30 PM | Meeting with Oded Revivi, Mayor of Efrat - at the hotel, Emerald C hall |
| 4:30 PM | Israeli Democracy in Action Meetings with Members of Knesset: The Honorable Merav Michaeli, Zionist Union party The Honorable Amir Ohana, Likud party at the hotel, Emerald C hall |
| 7:45 PM | Depart for dinner |
| 8:00 PM | Israelis from Different Walks of Life Liat Damoza, Jewish Agency for Israel Imri Kalmann, The Aguda Jacques Zimmerman, Noble Energy - at Deca |
| 10:00 PM | Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel |

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7:45 PM Northern Exposure

Israeli Life on the Border with Lebanon and Syria

Dinner and Discussion

- at Decks

10:00 PM Overnight at the Galei Kineret Hotel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2016

8:00 AM Breakfast on own

- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

8:30 AM Depart

9:00 AM Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee

Tour of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee

Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
 St. Peter's Church – Primary of Peter

Capernaum – Jesus' Village

11:00 AM Depart for the Golan Heights

12:00 PM Israel's Northern Border Concerns – Part II:

Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria

With Cpt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman

1:00 PM Depart

1:15 PM Lunch

- at Asado

3:00 PM Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley

En route briefings:

Strategic Survey – Israel's Border with Jordan

The Jordan Valley – Israel's Defensive Buffer Facing East

6:00 PM Check into the Inbal Hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM Reflections on the Sabbath

Traditional Sabbath Eve dinner With Tom and Susie Sawicki

- at their home in Jerusalem

10:00 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016

8:00 AM Breakfast on own

- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

8:30 AM Depart

En route briefing:

Israel's Experience in Fighting the Encroachment of Desertification

10:00 AM History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire

Visit to Masada National Archaeological Site

12:30 PM Exploration of the Dead Sea Region

- at Herods Hotel

2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

4:00 PM Return to hotel

5:45 PM Depart for dinner

6:30 PM The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together

Closing dinner

- at the hotel, Galil hall

8:30 PM Depart for the Airport

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016

12:30 AM Depart from Tel Aviv

5:15 AM Arrive at JFK

8:30 AM Depart to JFK

10:02 AM Arrive at DCA

Travel Costs

Here are the final costs for your trip:

Transportation: \$6,496.65

Lodging: \$1,651.89

Meals: \$910.59

Other: \$3,445.50

Breakdown of "other" expenses:

Security: \$1,175.69 per person

Speaker Fees: \$600 per person

Travel Agency Commission: \$439.11 per person (single occupancy)

Tour Guide: \$322.41 per person

Tour Guide/Driver/Security Hotels: \$273.60 per person

Tour Guide/Driver/Security/Speaker Meals: \$182.17 per person

Room Rentals: \$240.30 per person

Other: \$60.03 per person

Entrance Fees: \$56.15 per person

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border: \$60.27

Transportation for guest speakers: \$28.55 per person

Tips: \$7.21 per person

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United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 220 SECOND AND CONSTITUTION AVENUE, NE **WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6425**

July 22, 2016

Jon Kott Office of Senator Joe Manchin III United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Kott:

This responds to your recent letter concerning an invitation you received to travel to an educational seminar in Israel on August 13-21, 2016, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF). AIEF certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that it will pay the necessary expenses related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, nor lobbying firm, nor an agent of a foreign principal, and it is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. AIEF has also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, and that no registered lobbyist will accompany you at any point throughout your trip.2

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this trip may be accepted under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, AIEF is neither a registered lobbyist nor lobbying firm under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, nor an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35.

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the

¹ The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel - Glossary of Terms at 8.

² The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. See id. at 2.

completed Employee Pre-Travel Authorization and the Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel.

Please be advised that the United States Constitution prohibits the acceptance of any gift, including a meal, from a foreign government without the consent of Congress. In the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), Congress consented to the acceptance by federal government officials of: (1) gifts of minimal value and (2) travel or the expenses for travel taking place entirely outside the United States, from a foreign government (which includes those acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government). The Senate has defined minimal value as less than \$100. Further, pursuant to the FGDA, there are certain reporting and procedural requirements that are imposed upon Members, officers, and employees who accept gifts from a foreign government. Please review the Committee's "Dear Colleague" letter of January 9, 2015 setting forth the items to be included in filing that report.

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual,⁴ on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$375 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their annual Financial Disclosure Report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,

Deborah Sue Mayer

Chief Counsel and Staff Director

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Enclosures: Travel Checklist

³ 5 U.S.C. § 7342.

⁴ A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$123,175 for CY 2016) or is a political fund designee and is required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Report.

(Revised 10/19/15)

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

<u>Pre-Travel Filing Instructions</u>: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the <u>Select Committee on Ethics</u> in <u>SH-220</u>. Incomplete and late travel submissions will <u>not</u> be considered or approved. This form <u>must</u> be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

| Name of Traveler: | Jc | on Kott | |
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| Employing Office/Committe | 1100 | enator Joe Manchin III | |
| Private Sponsor(s) (list all): | American Israel Education Found | dation (AIEF) | |
| Travel date(s): August 13-2 | 21, 2016 extend the trip for any reason you <u>must</u> | t notify the Committee. | |
| Destination(s): Israel | | | |
| Explain how this trip is speci | ifically connected to the traveler's offic | ial or representational duties: | |
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Kott, Jonathan (Manchin)

From:

Alex Stone <astone@aiefdn.org> Thursday, March 10, 2016 5:21 PM

To:

Sent:

Kott, Jonathan (Manchin)

Subject:

Please Join Us for an AIEF Educational Seminar in Israel: August 13-21



AMERICAN ISRAEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

March 10, 2016

Jonathan Kott Office of the Honorable Joe Manchin

Dear Jonathan,

We would like to invite you to join us for an educational seminar in Israel for senior congressional comunications staff sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF). This trip will depart on Saturday, August 13 and return on Sunday, August 21.

The trip will explore critical foreign policy and national security challenges facing both Israel and the United States and how the two countries are cooperating in dealing with these issues. The program will include discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. officials, Palestinian representatives and leading academics and journalists. The program will also include:

Briefings on the strategic threats facing Israel including the Iranian nuclear program and instability on the Syrian border;

A visit to Israel's Southern border and briefings on the threat posed by Hamas-controlled Gaza;

In-depth discussions on the Israeli and Palestinian political climate and prospects for peace, as well as the political changes taking place in the region;

Visits to historic and religious sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee.

No later than 30 days prior to departure, participants are responsible for

submitting two forms, as well as a copy of this invitation to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. AIEF will provide you with a copy of the "Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form". You must also submit a completed and signed "Employee Pre-Travel Authorization Form" to the Committee. AIEF is committed to ensuring that every aspect of the trip complies with the Senate travel rules. If you have any specific questions about the rules, please contact the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

We hope that you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful and educational trip. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Stone at (202) 639-5311. To confirm your participation, please return the <u>Participant</u> Confirmation Form to <u>astone@aiefdn.org</u>.

| Sincerely, |
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| Richard Fishman |
| Executive Director, AIEF |

AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF strives to provide qualitative and balanced educational symposia for members of Congress and congressional staff, leaders in the fields of politics and business and students. Established in 1990, AIEF has earned a reputation for producing informative and thought-provoking educational seminars in Israel.

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

| Spo | onsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): |
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| Am | erican Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) |
| Des | Please see attached cription of the trip: |
| Dat | es of travel: August 13-21, 2016 |
| Pla | ce of travel: srael |
| Nai | ne and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached |
| l ce | rtify that the trip fits one of the following categories: |
| X | (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal <u>and</u> do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal <u>and</u> no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip. - OR - |
| | (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9). |
| × | I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal. |
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| Ŏ | I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal. |
| I ce | ertify that: |
| X | The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for de minimis lobbyist involvement. - AND - |
| X | The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9). |

| 9. | USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B) I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies: |
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| | (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member officer, or employee on any segment of the trip. — OR — |
| | (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10). − OR − |
| | (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip. |
| 10. | USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B) If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel: |
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| 11, | An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip. |
| 12. | Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: |
| | AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip. |
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| 13. | Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission: AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about |
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| | the U.SIsrael relationship. |
| 14. | Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips: |
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| | Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel: Please see attached | | | |
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| | Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary: | | | |
| | Participants will be traveling business class on a commercial airline. | | | |
| | I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35). | | | |
| | List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event: | | | |
| | n/a . | | | |
| | I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.): Signature of Travel Sponsor: | | | |
| | Name and Title: Richard Fishman, Executive Director | | | |
| | Name of Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) | | | |
| | Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001 | | | |
| | Telephone Number: (202) 639-5233 | | | |
| | Fax Number: | | | |
| | E-mail Address: | | | |

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) Educational Seminar in Israel Communications Staff August 13-21, 2016

Senate Invitees

- 1. Kevin Bishop, Communications Director, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC)
- 2. John Cummins, Communications Director, Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
- 3. Jon Kott, Communications Director, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV)
- 4. Meghan Pennington, Communications Director, Senator Tom Carper (D-DE)
- 5. Sarah Rothschild, Communications Director, Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN)

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) Educational Seminar in Israel Communications Directors August 13-21, 2016

Addendum

2. Description of the Trip

This seminar, which will be on the ground in Israel for seven days, is specifically designed to explore foreign policy and defense issues related to the U.S.-Israel relationship. Some of the key issues to be addressed include: the status of Iranian compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, and Iran's continued malign regional activities; the impact of Syrian civil war along Israel's northern border; the internal political situations of both Israel and the Palestinian Authority, the status of the peace process; and the expanded cooperation between the U.S. and Israel in fighting terrorism and proliferation.

The seminar will consist of discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, Members of the Knesset, Palestinian representatives and U.S. officials, as well as site surveys of the northern border with Lebanon and Syria, the southern border with the Gaza Strip, and the security fence. The seminar also aims to provide the political, historic, and religious context to the current conflicts and issues facing Israel and the region. It will explore the connection the three monotheistic religions have with the land and the influence this connection has on today's struggles. In addition to formal meetings and briefings, the trip provides experiential opportunities to help better understand the geographical complications, the security implications, and the historic root causes of the current conflicts.

14/15. Sponsor Information

Founded in 1990, the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) is the charitable organization affiliated with AIPAC, America's pro-Israel lobby. The Foundation's fundamental purpose is to maintain and further the relationship between the U.S. and Israel. AIEF works to inform the public about Israel and the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship, to expand public awareness about issues affecting the Middle East, and to encourage participation in public affairs, especially by young people. AIEF grants support innovative and award-winning programming that educates a wide array of participants, including college students, members of Congress and their staff, and political professionals.

AIEF funds Israel Seminars for members of Congress, Capitol Hill staffers, students, political consultants, as well as religiously motivated pro-Israel Christian, Latino and African American leaders. These trips to Israel are among the most critical programs AIEF supports on behalf of the U.S.-Israel relationship. These educational seminars allow policy makers to understand the complex historical, religious and geographic context of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Participants have the opportunity to meet with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. government officials, Palestinian Authority officials and leading academics and journalists. For many of the participants, who make important decisions impacting Israel and the Middle East, these trips are their first, and sometimes, only exposure to the country.

16. Other Expenses

Security: \$1,125 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$562.50 per person - Honoraria for guest speakers

Travel Agency Commission: \$365 per person (single occupancy)

-AIEF pays an upcharge of 21% per room per night, split between our U.S. and Israeli travel vendors

Tour Guide: \$238.75 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Tour Guide/Driver/Security Hotels: \$231.25 per person

Tour Guide/Driver/Security/Speaker Meals: \$200 per person

Room Rentals: \$187.50 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Other: \$121.88 per person

-Water, snacks

-Briefing materials

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border: \$75

Entrance Fees: \$62.50 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Airport Assistance: \$62.50 per person

AIEF uses an airport service to assist with passport and luggage issues that may arise.

Tips: \$25 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

21. Per Diem

The three hotel rates are within the international per diems for Israel (Inbal Jerusalem \$295; Sheraton Tel Aviv \$300; Galei Kinneret \$240). The estimate for meal expenses only includes the cost for meals, and not alcohol, as we do not pay for alcohol per Senate ethics rules.

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Itinerary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016

Afternoon Participants depart from various cities

Evening Arrive at JFK

11:59 PM Depart JFK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016

5:30 PM Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem

7:00 PM Check into the Inbal Hotel

8:15 PM Depart for dinner

8:30 PM Welcome and Orientation

- at Touro Restaurant

8:45 PM State of the Nation

Dinner with David Horovitz Editor, The Times of Israel - at Touro Restaurant

10:30 PM Dinner ends

11:00 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

MA 00:8 Breakfast is served

-at the hotel

8:15 AM Regional Instability and the Growing Threat of Hezbollah

Breakfast with Jonathan Spyer

Middle East Analyst and Journalist, The Jerusalem Post

Director, The Rubin Center Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

- at the hotel

9:15 AM Session concludes

19:30 AM Depart

9:45 AM Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

Part I: The Old City and the Holy Basin

Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Via Dolorosa

Southern Wall Excavations

Western Wall

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions — "ground zero" for the modern state of Israel and a central issue in Israeli-Arab relations and peace talks.

A comprehensive survey of the Old City will help participants understand the historical and religious significance for each religion, and the political complexities that arise as a result. Participants will see the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their integral role in today's political discussions.

| 12:45 PM | Depart |
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| 1:00 PM | The Jewish Connection to the Land of Israel: The Roots of Zionism Through the Present Day Lunch with Yossi Klein Halevy - at Medita |
| 2:30 PM | Depart |
| 2:45 PM | Strategic Tour of Jerusalem, Part Two: Part II: Jerusalem's Outlying Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier |

Post-1967 Neighborhoods

When Jerusalem was reunified in 1967, following 19 years of division, the State of Israel extended the city's boundaries to include the strategic hills surrounding Jerusalem. These hills served as launching pads between 1948-1967 for sniper and mortar attacks on Israeli parts of the city by the Jordanian Army. Since 1967, these hills have become vibrant neighborhoods, fully integrated into the fabric of Jerusalem. It is vital for those discussing the issue of Jerusalem to understand these neighborhoods' strategic importance and their relationship to the areas in the immediate vicinity.

Security Barrier

After scores of suicide bombings and daily terrorist attacks against its civilians launched following the breakdown of the Camp David II talks, Israel began construction of a security barrier near the pre-1967 "Green Line" between Israel and the West Bank to prevent Palestinian terrorists from infiltrating into Israeli population centers. Since its construction began, the number of attacks declined by more than 90% and the number of Israelis murdered and wounded decreased by more than 70% and 85%, respectively. The barrier is approximately 455 miles long. To Israel, the security barrier serves as a necessary obstacle to protect its people. To the Palestinians and others in the world, the barrier represents a physical and symbolic divide.

This seminar will survey the security barrier at different points along its route to see first-hand the barrier's construction, the operation of crossing points in and out of Palestinian areas, and the technology that facilitates its operation. Both en route to the barrier and at the barrier itself, the group will explore the competing arguments raised by the Israelis, Palestinians and the international community.

| 3:45 PM | Return to the hotel |
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| 7:30 PM | Depart for dinner |
| 7:45 PM | International Media Coverage of the Middle East Dinner with Matti Friedman Author and Journalistat La Guta |

Matti Freidman

This dinner features Matti Freidman, a renowned reporter with a career that has taken him from Lebanon to Morocco, Cairo, Moscow and Washington, D.C., and to conflicts in Israel in the Caucasus. Mr. Friedman is a dynamic and insightful speaker who will provide the group an illuminating synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli citizens.

| 10:00 PM | Return to the hotel |
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| 10:30 PM | Overnight at the Inbal Hotel |

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016

7:30 AM Breakfast on own in the main dining room
Luggage in the lobby

Check out

8:30 AM Depart for Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear development program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

| 11:00 AM | Depart |
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| 11:30 AM | The Palestinian Perspective Views and Changes in Palestinian Society Meeting with a Representative of the Palestinian Authority, Negotiations Support Unit - at the American Colony Hotel, Pasha room |
| 12:45 PM | Depart |
| 1:15 PM | Behind the Headlines Lunch with Khaled Abu Toameh Palestinian Affairs Correspondent, The Jerusalem Post - at Aluma |
| 2:30 PM | Depart |

2:45 PM

A View from the Prime Minister's Office

Meeting with Communications Advisor of

Head of the Zionist Union, Opposition Leader

Meeting with David Keyes

A View from the Opposition

The Office of Issac Herzog

- at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

Communications Advisor and Foreign Press Liaison

Prime Minister's Office - at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

4:15 PM

Depart to Tel Aviv

5:45 PM

Arrive at hotel

7:45 PM

Depart for Dinner

8:00 PM

Israel's Political System

Dinner with:

Lior Chorev, Political Consultant

Dr. Dahlia Scheindlin, Political Consultant for the Labor party

Aharon Shaviv, Political consultant for Likud party

- at Lumina

Israel's Political System

This dinner will feature three political consultants who work closely with Israeli political leaders and parties. The program this evening will give trip participants an insider's view of Israel's unique parliamentary system, the multitude of political parties, and coalition politics.

10:00 PM

Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016

7:00 AM

Luggage in the lobby

Check out

7:45 AM

Breakfast served

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Regional Threats Overview

Breakfast with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel

Immediate Past Director, Counter Terrorism Bureau

Office of the Prime Minister

-at the hotel

Israel's Southern Front

Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Azza and meeting with a local resident will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep.

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| 10:30 AM | Israel's Southern Front |
| | Overlook into the Gaza Strip |
| | - at Kibbutz Nir Am Lookout |
| 11:00 AM | Depart |
| 11:15 AM | Strategic tour of Israel's border with the Gaza Strip |
| | Visit to the town of Sderot |
| | Kassam rockets "graveyard" |
| 12:00 PM | Living with the Threat of Rocket Fire |
| | Visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza on the border with the Gaza Strip |
| | Meeting with Chen Abraham, local resident |
| 1:00 PM | Lunch with Kibbutz residents |
| • | - at the Kibbutz Kfar Aza dining hall |
| 2:00 PM | Depart |
| 3:30 PM | Start-Up Nation |
| | Coffee with: |
| | Cpt. (Res.) Eytan Buchman, Freightos |
| | Gilad Japhet, Founder and CEO, MyHeritage |
| | Amnon Shashua, Founder and CEO, Mobileye |
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Start-Up Nation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and VC investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This evening's Start-Up Nation dinner will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

7:45 PM

Depart for dinner

- at the hotel

8:00 PM

Israelis from Different Walks of Life

Dinner with

LiaT Damoza, Donor Mission Coordinator

Resource Development and Public Affairs, Jewish Agency for Israel

Dan Slyper, LGBT Caucus, Yesh Atid

Bini Zomer, Noble Energy

- at Deca

Israelis from Different Walks of Life

"The Different Walks of Life" will be a dinner discussion with Israelis representing some of the various societal sectors – all integral parts of the fabric of Israeli society and broader identity. The evening will be an opportunity to gain insight into the Israeli population as a whole, what governs the perspective and decisions of various sectors and to explore how each of the sectors represented fits into Israeli society and informs the collective national narrative.

10:00 PM

Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016

7:00 AM

Luggage in the lobby

Check out

7:45 AM

Breakfast served

8:00 AM

New Media in the IDF

Breakfast with Lt. Col. Peter Lerner
Spokesman for International Media and
Commander of the IDF Social Media activities

- at the hotel

9:15 AM

Depart, travel north

10:00 AM

Israel's Narrow Waistline

Briefing at the Alfei Menashe overlook

Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Hadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50% of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "silicon valley", as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

10:30 AM

Northern Exposure:
Homeland Security Preparation in a Time of Instability
Visit IDF Northern Command training base

1:00 PM

Depart

En route briefings:
The Jezreel Valley—
the Strategic Land Bridge Connecting Asia and Africa
Upper Galilee Region — Potential for Development

Lunch en route

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the North to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

The Jezreel Valley

In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the Jezreel Valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket," which has become known for its wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A tour of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

Upper Galilee

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for \$5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and bio-tech companies.

While time does not permit for sites visits, the group will drive through parts of both areas to gain a better understanding of this critical region and the role it plays in Israel's economic, cultural and social development.

3:30 PM Israel's Northern Border Concerns – Part One

Briefing by Maj. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi on the Israel-Lebanon Border

- at Dovev Lookout

4:30 PM Depart

5:30 PM Check in to Galei Kineret Hotel

8:00 PM Depart for dinner

8:15 PM . Northern Exposure: Life on the Border

Dinner and Discussion - at Decks Restaurant

10:00 PM Overnight at Galei Kineret, Tiberias

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2016

7:15 AM Breakfast on own

Luggage in the lobby

Check out

8:30 AM Depart

9:00 AM Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee Area

Survey of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee

Mt. of Beatitudes - Sermon on the Mount

Church of the Primacy of Peter Capernaum – Jesus' Village

Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee

Christians are increasingly fleeing persecution in countries throughout the Middle East. Israel, however, is the only country in the region with a growing Christian population. It also guarantees open Christian worship, education, and institutions; and welcomes millions of Christians worldwide each year.

A view of these sites provides the tour guide an opportunity to illustrate how Israel maintains religious freedom and the sanctity of all holy sites. It also provides another lens through which to view the depth to which the land of Israel – and the current conflicts dividing the region – are inextricably linked to the spiritual narratives of three great religions.

| 11:00 AM | Depart |
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| 12:00 PM | Israel's Northern Border Concerns – Part Two Strategic tour of Israel's border with Syria - at Ein Zivan |
| 1:30 PM | Lunch - at Habokrim |
| 3:00 PM | Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley |
| | En route briefings: Israel's Relations with the Hoshemite Kingdom of Jordan Jordan's Syrian Refugees Crisis |

The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to explore several topics related to Israel's eastern neighbor: specifically, Israeli-Jordanian strategic cooperation, as well as the implications of the Syrian civil war on the Kingdom.

Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became the second Arab country after Egypt to recognize Israel when it signed a comprehensive peace agreement that ended nearly five decades of warfare. Shepherded by United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on Oct. 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared border. Today, Jordan hosts over one million Syrian refugees fleeing civil war. Following our discussion with Israeli soldiers patrolling the Syrian border, our guide will address how the influx of Syrian refugees and the threats in the region impact Jordan internally; as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

| 6:00 PM | Check in to the Inbal Hotel |
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| 7:30 PM | Depart for dinner Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem |
| | Traditional Sabbath Eve dinner At the home of Wendy and Saul Singer |

The Sabbath in Jerusalem

Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80% of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Sabbath is especially significant in Jerusalem, home to the holiest site for Jews worldwide - the remains of the First and Second Temple.

The dinner will include a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

10:00 PM

Overnight at the Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem -

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016

8:00 AM Breakfast on own

- at the hotel, main dining room

8:30 AM Depart for the Dead Sea region

En route briefing:

Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor: Strategic Concerns

Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor

On the drive from Jerusalem to Masada, the group will travel on the highway known as the "Jericho Road" is the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city's division that lasted until 1967. Since then Israel has established the City of Ma'ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma'ale Adumim is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma'ale Adumim's boundary, into an area known as "E-1", the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

10:00 AM History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire

Guided tour of the National Archeological Park at Masada

Masada

The Sabbath in Israel begins Friday afternoon and concludes on Saturday evening. During the Sabbath, virtually everything in the country is closed including all government offices, businesses, newspapers etc. Therefore, for years, we have used Fridays Saturdays to expose our Congressional Members and staff delegations to some of the key historical and cultural sites in Israel such as Masada. Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel, indeed in the whole world.

Masada was the site of the last stand of the Jews in Israel after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple in 70 A.D. A group of Jewish Zealots fled to the Judean. Desert and lived in the former mountaintop fortress of King Herod known as Masada for two years resisting the onslaught of the most powerful army in the world. Determined to break the resistance, the Romans finally scaled the mountain to capture and enslave the Jewish rebels. However, when they finally arrived, they found that all the men, women and children had killed themselves as a last act of defiance. They refused to give in to the Romans and become their slaves.

The ancient story of Masada has important contemporary relevance for the modern State of Israel. "Masada shall never fall again" has become the watchword of the country which has faced existential threats since its founding in 1948. Israel's elite military units, for example, are sworn in on top of Masada in a symbolic act of defiance against Israel's contemporary enemies. These soldiers along with the thousands of Israeli school children who visit Masada each year learn the lesson that Israel should never become so weak again that it would ever face national suicide as an option.

We will spend approximately two hours atop of Masada with a professional guide. The time at Masada with the guide is focused on three areas: 1. touring the magnificent ancient excavations; 2. learning the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the archeological and historical evidence; 3. discussing the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.

| 12:15 PM | Depart |
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| 12:30 PM | Israel's Experience in Fighting the Encroachment of Desertification Visit to the Dead Sea and lunch -at Herods |

Dead Sea Region

During our drive to and from the Dead Sea area, as well as during our visit to the Dead Sea, our tour guide will discuss a variety of issues integral to understanding the region, the country, and relations with both the Palestinians and Jordanians.

It is important to note that the region is mostly desert. For decades, Israel has been challenging this arid area and developing its agricultural potential. While the Middle East is suffering from water shortages, Israel, through modern technology and water conservation policies, including the recycling of over 80 percent of water used for domestic purposes and transferring it to agriculture, has literally "made the desert bloom." Some of this technology is already being shared with Jordan and the Palestinian Authority. All sides realize that a comprehensive regional water policy will ensure food production necessary to satisfy the Middle East's growing population. For example, in late 2013, the three parties agreed to build a Red Sea-Dead Sea water project to address the shortage of fresh, clean water in the region and the rapid loss of water at the Dead Sea. This highlights the growing importance for Israel and her Arab neighbors to work together on joint environmental projects.

The key regional players also face serious environmental issues in the Dead Sea region. One of the major environmental concerns is the receding of the Dead Sea and the appearance of sinkholes, which cause the earth above to collapse. Roads, fields and buildings have collapsed due to this phenomenon, and experts are concerned the tourist infrastructure along the Jordanian and Israeli shores of the Dead Sea are also in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

| 2:30 PM | Depart for Jerusalem |
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| 4:00 PM | Return to hotel Prepare for departure Check out |
| 6:00 PM | Depart for dinner |
| 6:30 PM | The U.SIsrael Relationship: Bringing it All Together Closing dinner - at the hotel |
| 7:45 PM | Dinner ends |
| 8:00 PM | Depart for Ben Guiron Airport |

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016

| 12:30 AM | Depart Israel |
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5:15 AM Arrive JFK

Morning Participants depart for various airports